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- The North Korean 10 Division is composed mostly of men who were recruited in the Republic of Korea (ROK) from July to August 1950. On 25 September, this division retreated from Kumhwa (127-28, 38-18) with the 27 and 28 Regiments, an unidentified artillery battalion, and a communications company to Chakang Province, where the troops were rearmed and trained for 1 month. Approximately 30 percent of this reconstituted 10 Division had 2 years' of military experience.
- The North Korean 10 Division re-engaged in action in the Hongchon (127-54. 37-42) area in late January 1951, emphasizing tactics of encircling and road-blocking ROK units. The primary mission which was given to the division was to make suicidal attacks on UN supply lines in rear areas. In early February, there were approximately 3,000 troops of the division sent for this purpose to mountainous areas between Tanyang (128-19, 36-56), Mugyong (128-06, 36-44) and Andong (128-44, 36-34).
- In mid-February, the division was ordered to retreat to Tongchon (127-54, 38-54) and Kojo (127-54, 38-58). During the early stages of this retreat the division headquarters lost contact with subordinate units. It was rumored among headquarters officers that LO percent of the men retreated or deserted to rear areas in civilian clothes,
- 4. In early January, cultural and political operations squads (Munhwa Kongchak Ban, Chongchi Lonchak Ban), attached to the 10 Division headquarters, were active in the Hongchon and Hoengsong (127-59, 37-30) areas. By mid-February, both squads scattered and operations disintegrated because of the frequent UN air raids.
- 5. Between 7 and 9 February, an unidentified North Korean engineering unit was working at night on mining roads from Hongehon and Hoengsong to Chunchon. Most mines were placed on shoulders at curves in narrow roads on mountain sides.

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6. In early February, in the Hoengsong area men were compulsorily recruited to carry time bombs toward Hoengsong and Hongchom.

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\* Comments

Comments These were possibly booby traps or mines.

